

# ARKANSAS

## BROILER HATCHERY



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### ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

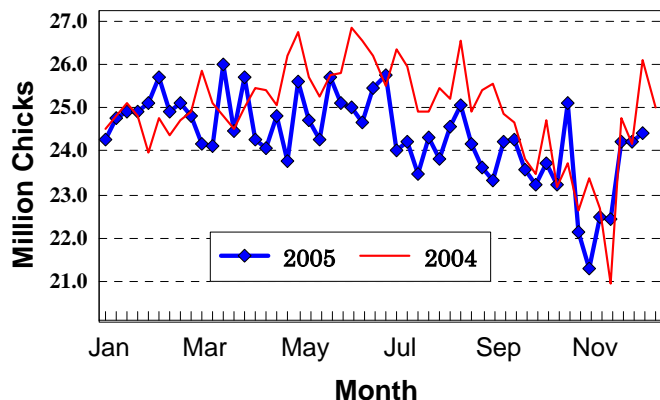
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.4 million during the week ending December 17, 2005. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2004, but up 1 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.3 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through December 17, 2005 were 1.24 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.7 million, up slightly from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.0 percent.

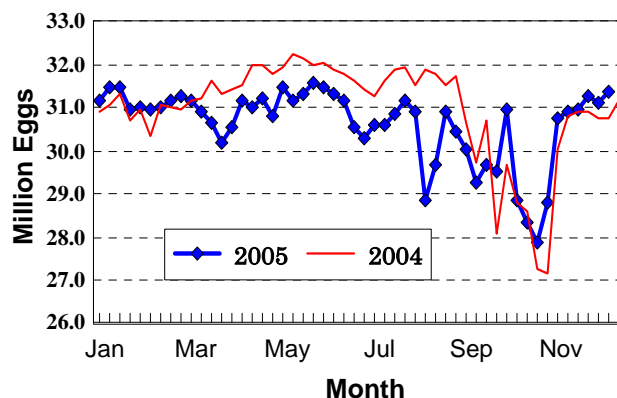
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 17, 2005, up 2 percent from the same period last year, and up 1 percent from the previous week.

| Week Ending | NET PLACEMENTS |        |          | CHICKS HATCHED |        |          | EGGS SET     |        |          |
|-------------|----------------|--------|----------|----------------|--------|----------|--------------|--------|----------|
|             | 2004           | 2005   | % Change | 2004           | 2005   | % Change | 2004         | 2005   | % Change |
|             | <i>1,000</i>   |        |          | <i>1,000</i>   |        |          | <i>1,000</i> |        |          |
| Nov. 12     | 23,357         | 21,300 | 91       | 23,693         | 23,467 | 99       | 30,052       | 30,760 | 102      |
| Nov. 19     | 22,691         | 22,501 | 99       | 22,636         | 23,205 | 103      | 30,824       | 30,903 | 100      |
| Nov. 26     | 20,983         | 22,459 | 107      | 22,520         | 23,880 | 106      | 30,922       | 30,960 | 100      |
| Dec. 3      | 24,740         | 24,197 | 98       | 24,837         | 25,421 | 102      | 30,902       | 31,284 | 101      |
| Dec. 10     | 24,158         | 24,197 | 100      | 25,622         | 25,541 | 100      | 30,746       | 31,147 | 101      |
| Dec. 17     | 26,068         | 24,418 | 94       | 25,593         | 25,708 | 100      | 30,766       | 31,368 | 102      |

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



# **BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005**

| STATE                                | EGGS SET (in Thousands) |           |           |         |     | CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands) |         |         |           |           |         |     |  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----|------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----|--|
|                                      | Week Ending             |           |           |         | 1/  | Week Ending                  |         |         |           |           |         | 1/  |  |
|                                      | 26-Nov                  | 03-Dec    | 10-Dec    | 17-Dec  | %   | 12-Nov                       | 19-Nov  | 26-Nov  | 03-Dec    | 10-Dec    | 17-Dec  | %   |  |
| Alabama                              | 31,614 *                | 31,711    | 31,525    | 31,563  | 105 | 20,224                       | 19,606  | 20,419  | 21,090    | 21,533    | 21,693  | 103 |  |
| ARKANSAS                             | 30,960                  | 31,284    | 31,147    | 31,368  | 102 | 21,300                       | 22,501  | 22,459  | 24,197    | 24,197 *  | 24,418  | 94  |  |
| Delaware                             | 3,995                   | 4,017     | 4,047     | 4,068   | 105 | 5,960                        | 4,697   | 5,897   | 5,068     | 5,625 *   | 5,854   | 105 |  |
| Florida                              | 1,364                   | 1,374     | 1,364     | 1,362   | 103 | 1,542                        | 1,640   | 1,644   | 1,719     | 1,573     | 1,473   | 98  |  |
| Georgia                              | 34,393                  | 33,839    | 34,179 *  | 34,470  | 101 | 25,770                       | 24,600  | 26,195  | 26,756    | 26,557 *  | 27,601  | 105 |  |
| Kentucky                             | 6,959 *                 | 6,599     | 7,123     | 6,972   | 100 | 4,998                        | 5,563   | 5,834   | 5,749     | 5,871 *   | 5,867   | 95  |  |
| Louisiana                            | 4,136                   | 4,136     | 4,136     | 4,136   | 104 | 3,694                        | 3,852   | 3,507   | 4,235     | 3,828     | 4,057   | 112 |  |
| Maryland                             | 8,952                   | 8,885     | 8,974 *   | 9,013   | 103 | 4,781                        | 5,443   | 5,148   | 5,456     | 5,443 *   | 5,626   | 107 |  |
| Mississippi                          | 18,484                  | 18,704    | 18,661    | 18,463  | 94  | 16,223                       | 14,960  | 16,395  | 15,850    | 16,707    | 16,535  | 94  |  |
| N. Carolina                          | 18,879 *                | 17,807    | 18,368 *  | 19,031  | 105 | 14,798                       | 14,999  | 14,144  | 14,963    | 15,209 *  | 15,310  | 108 |  |
| Oklahoma                             | 6,679                   | 6,675     | 6,676 *   | 6,621   | 111 | 5,396                        | 4,539   | 4,942   | 5,101     | 5,181     | 4,656   | 88  |  |
| Pennsylvania                         | 4,008                   | 4,036     | 4,182 *   | 4,152   | 101 | 2,767                        | 2,911   | 3,021   | 3,023     | 2,992 *   | 2,984   | 104 |  |
| S. Carolina                          | 5,060                   | 5,097     | 5,089     | 5,273   | 112 | 4,273                        | 4,085   | 4,509   | 3,865     | 3,114     | 4,579   | 104 |  |
| Texas                                | 15,156 *                | 15,159    | 15,160    | 15,143  | 104 | 11,140                       | 11,521  | 12,759  | 12,610    | 12,840    | 12,808  | 106 |  |
| Virginia                             | 6,388                   | 6,378     | 6,393     | 6,359   | 99  | 4,976                        | 5,083   | 5,173   | 5,342     | 4,876 *   | 5,398   | 103 |  |
| CA,MO,TN,WV                          | 18,043                  | 17,696 *  | 17,270 *  | 17,904  | 99  | 17,199                       | 17,427  | 17,071  | 16,689 *  | 16,473 *  | 16,953  | 109 |  |
| Total 2005                           | 215,070 *               | 213,397 * | 214,294 * | 215,898 |     | 165,041                      | 163,427 | 169,117 | 171,713 * | 172,019 * | 175,812 |     |  |
| Total 2004                           | 210,096                 | 208,114   | 209,584   | 211,111 |     | 161,853                      | 162,518 | 165,545 | 170,790   | 171,447   |         |     |  |
| % Prev. Year                         | 102                     | 103       | 102       | 102     |     | 102                          | 101     | 102     | 101       | 100       | ERR     |     |  |
| Approximate Marketing Date 2005..... |                         |           |           |         |     | 25-Dec                       | 01-Jan  | 08-Jan  | 15-Jan    | 22-Jan    | 29-Jan  |     |  |

\* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

## **EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 17, 2005. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 17, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through December 17, 2005 were 8.69 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.